News from NEWGATE:

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RELATION

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FOR

Highway - men,

In the STRAND;

Upon *Munday* the 13 of this inſtant *November*, 1677.

And of another apprehended on *Friday* the 16th: All now Priſoners in *NEWGATE.*

With an Account of ſeveral grand Robberies committed lately in divers places: And particularly, how Fifteen Countrymen, returning from a Fair, were ſet upon by Seven Highwaymen, who took from them ſeveral Hundreds of pounds.

As likewiſe the Robbing of a Stage-Coach; and ſtrange Diſcovery of ſome of the Thieves now in Cuſtody, by means of Two of the Paſſengers, ſuppoſed to be Confederates with them.

With Allowance. RO. L'ESTRANGE.

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NEWS FROM Newgate:

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A true Relation of the manner of taking Seven persons, very notorious, for Highway-men, in the *Strand*, upon *Munday* the 13th of this instant *Novemb.*

NOtwithstanding the severity of our wholsome Laws, and vigilancy of Magistrates against Robbers and Highway-men, 'tis too notorious that the Roads are almost perpetually infested with them; especi-

ally of late, Tidings dayly arriving from several parts of fresh Mischiefs committed in that kind: and having done their wicked Exploits, they commonly retire to, and lurk up and down in this great and populous City, undoubtedly the best Forest for such Beasts of Prey to shelter in; where, in all kind of Debaucheries, they spend honest mens mony as vainly as they took it away basely, till Necessity inforces them out to seek new Adventures, or treacherous Villanies give them notice of further Booties.

Of these Vermine no fewer than Eeight in number were on Munday last the 13th instant, got together Carousing at a Tavern in the *Strand*; of whom, by the honesty of some people of the house on some suspitions, or the industrious care of Gentlemen who worthily make it part of their business to discover and seize such Malefactors, some intelligence being obtained, several Constables with a strong Guard were instantly raised; who rushing in suddenly upon them, apprehended Seven of them; but one of the most notorious, that was Confederate with the Two that were sometime since taken at *Westminster* and hang'd last Sessions, made shift to escape; and another endeavouring the same, and to that purpose firing a Pistol, was by a resolute Gentleman of the Guard wounded with a shot in the shoulder, and so conveyed with the rest to *Newgate*; Information of their Names

Names having ſince, by the care of Authority, been publiſhed in Print, that perſons that have ſuffer'd may come in and view them in order to their Conviction and juſt Punishment.

On the Friday following, another ſuppoſed to be of the ſame Gang, was ſeiz'd, whoſe diſcovery was very remarkable; for he and ſome others having lately ſet upon, and robb'd a Stage-Coach, It was obſerved that two women Paſſengers therein, contrary to the uſual frights and timidity of that Sex on ſuch occaſions appeared ſo far unconcern'd as to ſmile, and laugh in the faces of the Robbers; whereupon the reſt of the Company, when they arrived at their Journeys end, cauſed them to be carried before a Magiſtrate, who upon Examination, and ſome neceſſary threats, prevailed with them to confeſs they knew two of the Thieves, and where this Fellow, who was one of them, dwelt in *London*.

He and moſt of the other ſeven before mentioned, belonging to that City, though through Idleneſs and extravagance living above their Quality, they had now taken up this new Profeſſion of the Genteel Pad, wherein 'tis thought Squire *Ketch* may ſhortly make them free.

To give a particular Account of all the Robberies that have very lately been commited in ſeveral parts, is a thing almoſt impoſſible,

ble, they have been ſo numerous and frequent. In *Eſſex* not long ſince, at once, was loſt two hundred pounds; and at ſeveral other places very conſiderable ſums. But the greateſt that we are yet certainly informed of, was on the Northern Road, ſeveral Graziers having taken good ſtore of money at an eminent Fair for Cattle, not knowing how to carry home the ſame with ſecurity, reſolved to accompany each other, and ſo to the number of fifteen, took their Journey together; But a Tribe of Highwaymen, juſt the number of thoſe now taken in the *Strand*, but whether the very ſame perſons, we cannot affirm,

Having intelligence of this rich Booty, and being diſappointed in time, ſat up all one night upon the watch for their coming by; and one of them being known by an honeſt fellow belonging to the Inn where they lay, who called him by his name, leſt he ſhould diſcover their quality, and ſpoyl their deſign, they gave him a ſleepy Potion that laid him faſt for ſeveral hours, and made him ſo ſick afterwards, that his Life was indangered, if not ſince loſt by it.

In the mean time, about nine or ten of the Clock next morning, comes by this Troop of Countrymen, and ſoon afterwards, the ſeven Highwaymen took Horſe and purſued them, overtaking them on a large Common, remote from any Town, and conſequently fit for their

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Roguiſh purpoſe; having rid a little way with them, ask'd them two or three common queſtions, and got ſome before, and others behind them, without further parley they give the dreadful words of Command, *Stand and Deliver:* and to ſhew that they were in Earneſt fired ſeveral Piſtols and kill'd in an inſtant two or three of their horſes; ſo far at leaſt commendable, that they choſe rather to fright than murder the men, and ſhew them their Power rather than Inclination to bloody Cruelty. The honeſt Travellers, though twice as many, and very unwilling to part with their money, yet finding themſelves not ſufficiently weapon'd to diſpute their Right againſt ſuch reſolute Ruffians, ſo furniſh'd as they were with Fire-Arms, and much better Hors'd; thought fit to conſult their ſafety, and rather than expoſe their Lives to part with their Caſh; which being ſurrendred to the value of ſeveral hundreds of pounds amongſt them all, and all their Bridles and Girts cut, the Thieves clapt Spurs to their Steeds, and loaden with Treaſure, departed, riding ſuch obſcure by-roads, that though there was Hue and Cry immediately ſent out after them, there was none of them taken in that Country that we can hear of.

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This was between a fortnight and three weeks ago, and whether these now apprehended here were the same, or any of them, is yet uncertain.

But for the Readers better satisfaction, what may be proved against them, and what becomes of them, he may expect a full Account in our next Narrative of the proceedings of the Sessions.

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